IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 18, 1848. Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BALDWIN made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Hugh McLean, representing that he was baptized by the name of Hugh Monro McLean, and praying for the payment of three lost loan-office certificates, issued in his baptismal name on the 6th of July, 1779, for money loaned, as he claims, by his father Alexander McLean, long since deceased, report:

That by the act of April 21st, 1794, it was provided that all claims for the renewal of certificates of the unsubscribed debt of the United States, of the description commonly called loan-office certificates, should be forever barred, unless the same should be presented at the treasury on or before the first of June, 1795; and that no claim for lost certificates, if so presented, should be allowed, without such proof of loss as is prescribed in the second section of said act. It appears on the books in the reigister's office, that on the 6th of July, 1779, there were issued to Hugh Monro Mc-Lean, three certificates, as follows:

No.	9,306 for	\$400, spe	cie value	 	 \$26	59
No.	6,133 for	\$600, spe	cie value	 	 39	88
		4,000, spe			265	68

These certificates appear to be outstanding. On the book where they are entered, there stands opposite to each entry a mark of reference, denoting that the claim was presented under the act of the 21st of April, 1794, at the office of the auditor of the treasury, but not allowed. The records of the auditor, prior to 1801, were destroyed when that office was burnt in January of that year, and consequently no information is now attainable at that office, for what reason the claims were disallowed. The memorialists has adduced no proof that the certificates were issued on loans made by his father, nor any satisfactory evidence of their loss, or of his own interest in them.

The committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of his petition be not granted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof

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